



# Congress Heights Recreation Center Community Meeting

**Martin Luther King Jr Elementary School**  
**Thursday, February 13, 2020**  
**6:30 – 8:00 PM**

# DPR Masterplan

## HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF DC'S PARKS AND RECREATION!

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

Kick-Off Meeting  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Edgewood Recreation Center  
300 Evarts Street, NE

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

2nd Community Meeting  
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Barry Farm Recreation Center  
1230 Sumner Road, SE



### **TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

3rd Community Meeting  
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
King Greenleaf Recreation Center  
201 N Street, SW

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

4th Community Meeting  
10:00 AM–12:00 PM  
Glover Park Recreation Center  
4100 Calvert Street, NW

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Project Overview
3. Funding Overview
4. Projected Timeline
5. Demographics
6. Similar Recent Recreation Projects
7. Site Overview
8. Interactive Feedback
9. Community Engagement Process
10. Next Steps
11. Points of Contact
12. Q & A / Discussion



# R. McGhee & Associates

Architect of Record

- Extensive DGS/DPR Project Experience
- Successful completion of 2014 Congress Heights Field House and site renovation project
- Recent recipient of AIA Award for DGS' Murch Elementary School Building and Site Design
- \$250M in DGS/DPR projects in the past 5 years
- Multiple LEED Gold and Silver project certifications
- All projects delivered on-time and on-budget

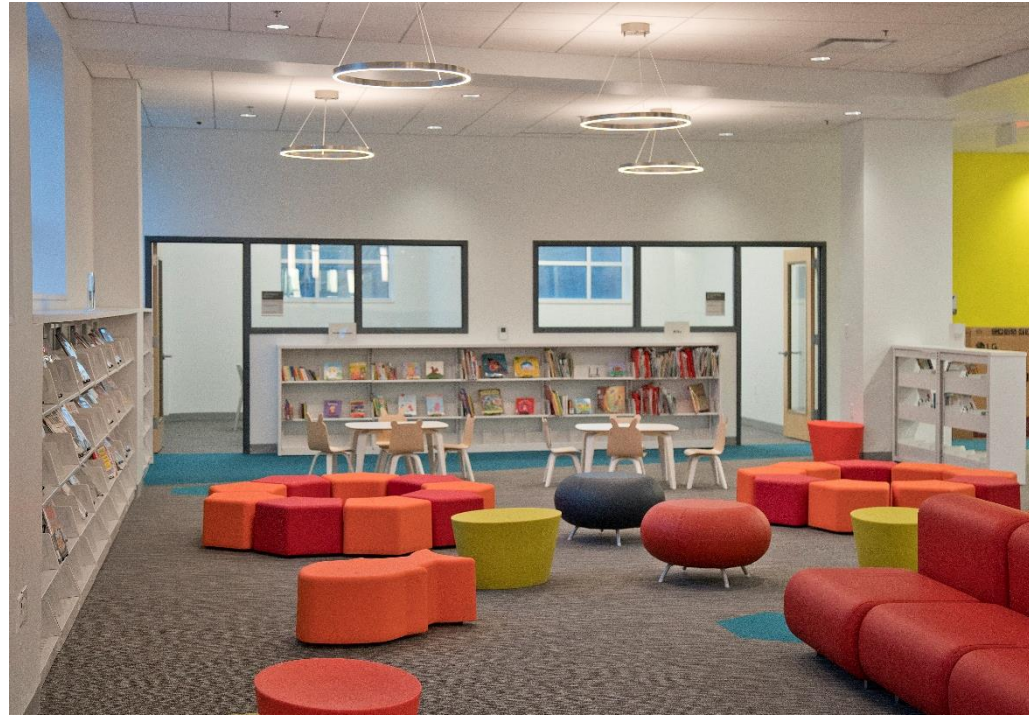


Capitol View Library

## Congress Heights Recreation Center







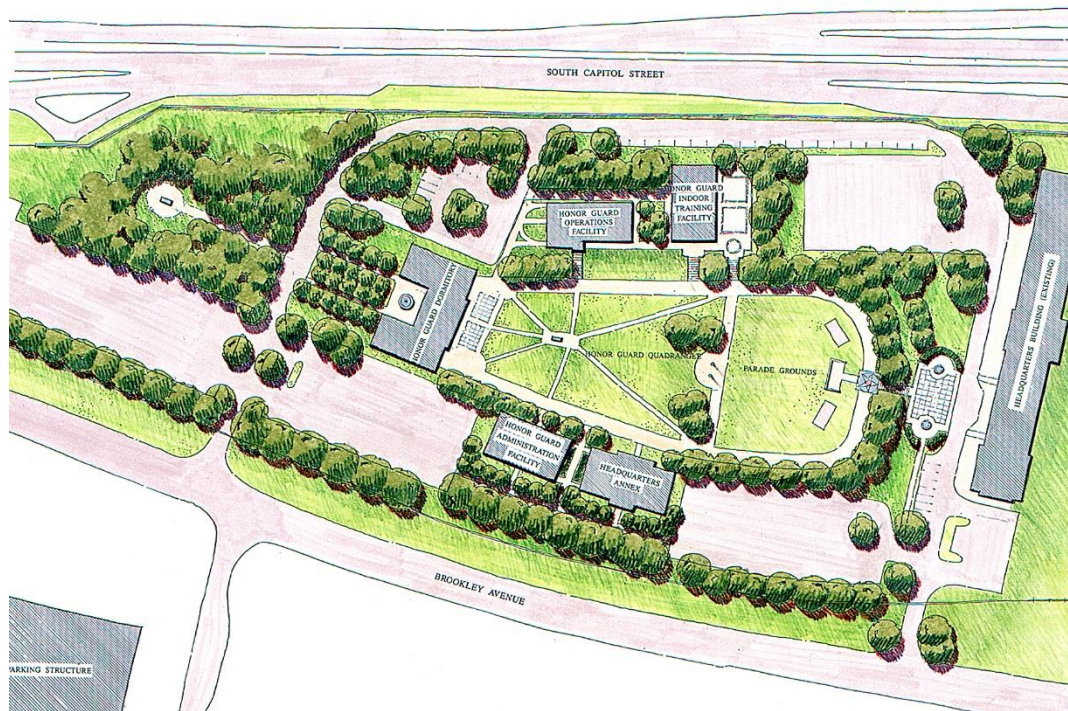
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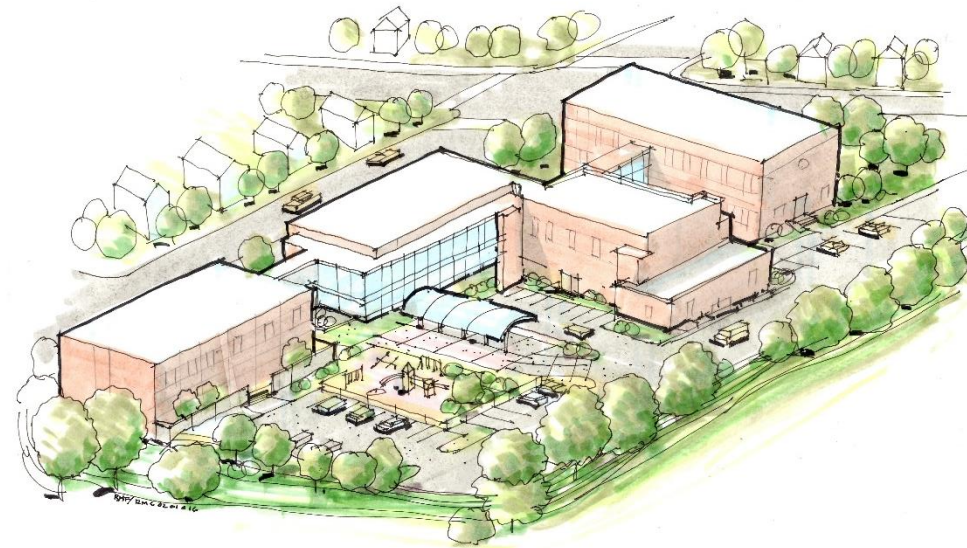
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Anacostia Library



Bolling Air Force Base



Kimball Elementary School Feasibility Study



Anacostia Library

# Congress Heights Recreation Center



# Hughes Group Architects

Recreation Architect

- 40 years of demonstrated Recreation and Well-Being Facility design
- Locally Based National Practice, 40+ Recreation Facilities in over 17 states
- Over 2.5M SF and \$850M of Recreation construction in the past 12 years
- Recipient of over a dozen Recreation Center/Facility design awards since 2010
- Innovative, functional, and energy efficient facilities that meet the desires of the clients and the cultural context.
- 10 DGS/DPR projects (including Feasibility Studies)
- Successful completion of Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School (adjacent to Congress Heights Recreation Center)
- All projects delivered on-time and on-budget



Wilson Aquatic Center

## Congress Heights Recreation Center







Southern Area Aquatic and Recreation Complex (SAARC)



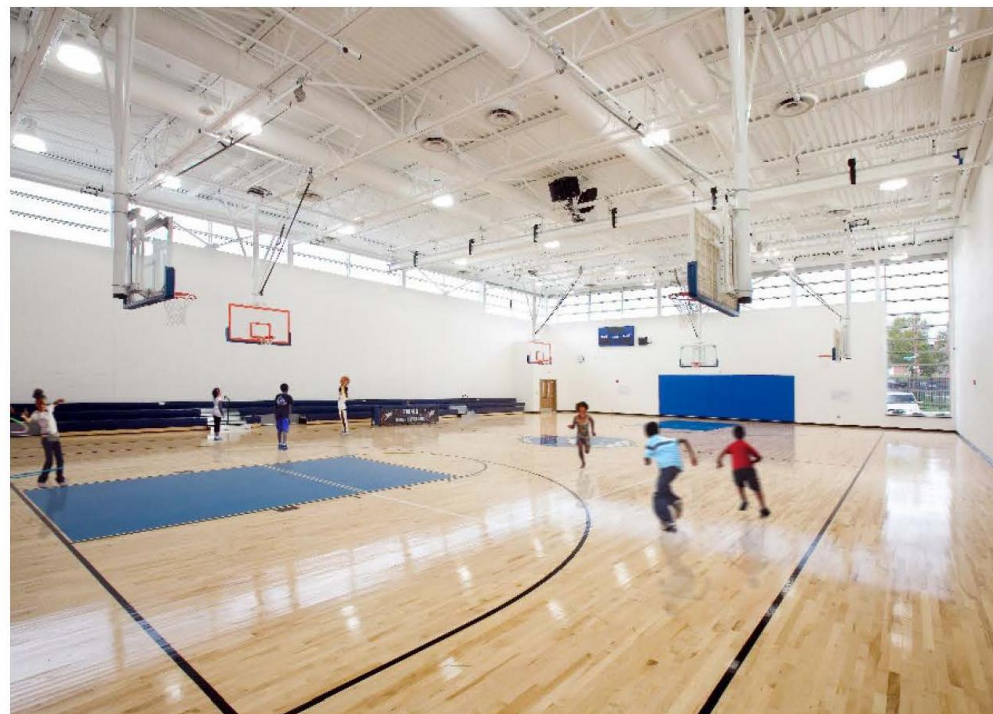
Spring Hill RECenter



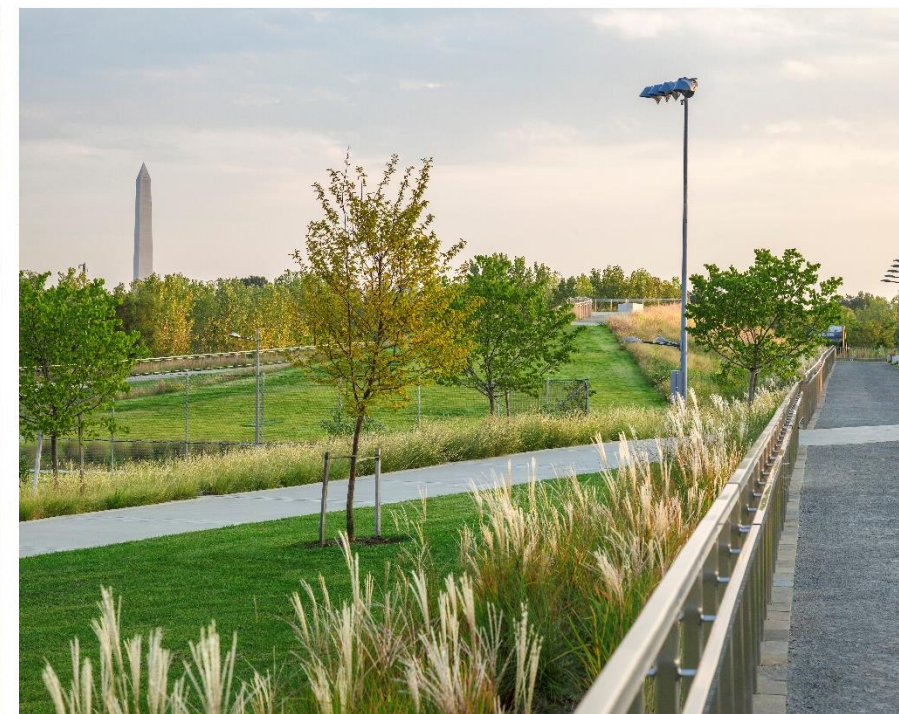
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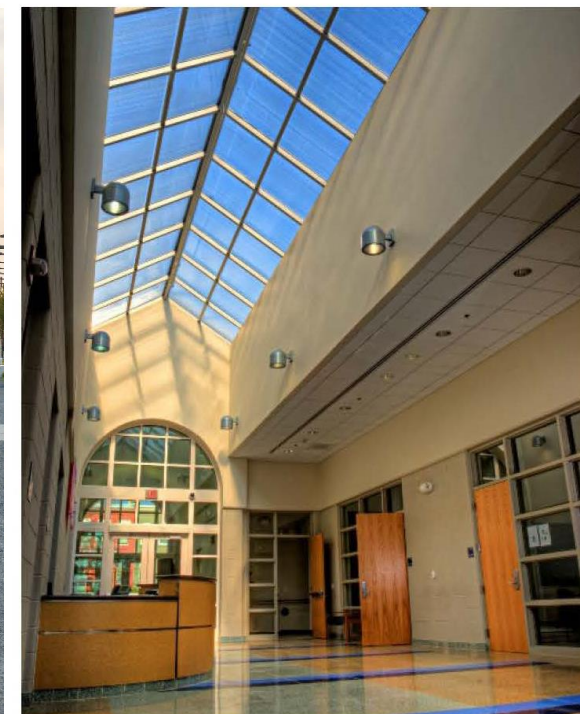
Wilson Aquatic Center



Turner Recreation Center



Long Bridge Park



Joe Cole Recreation Center

# Congress Heights Recreation Center



### **This project includes:**

1. Demolition of the existing Congress Heights Recreation Center
2. The new facility will include programmatic elements that cannot fit in the existing center
3. Park improvements.
4. Community trails and gardens



## Funding Overview:

- *Original Budget:* **\$18,000,000**
- *Additional:* **\$3,000,000**
- *Total Project Budget:* **\$21,000,000**



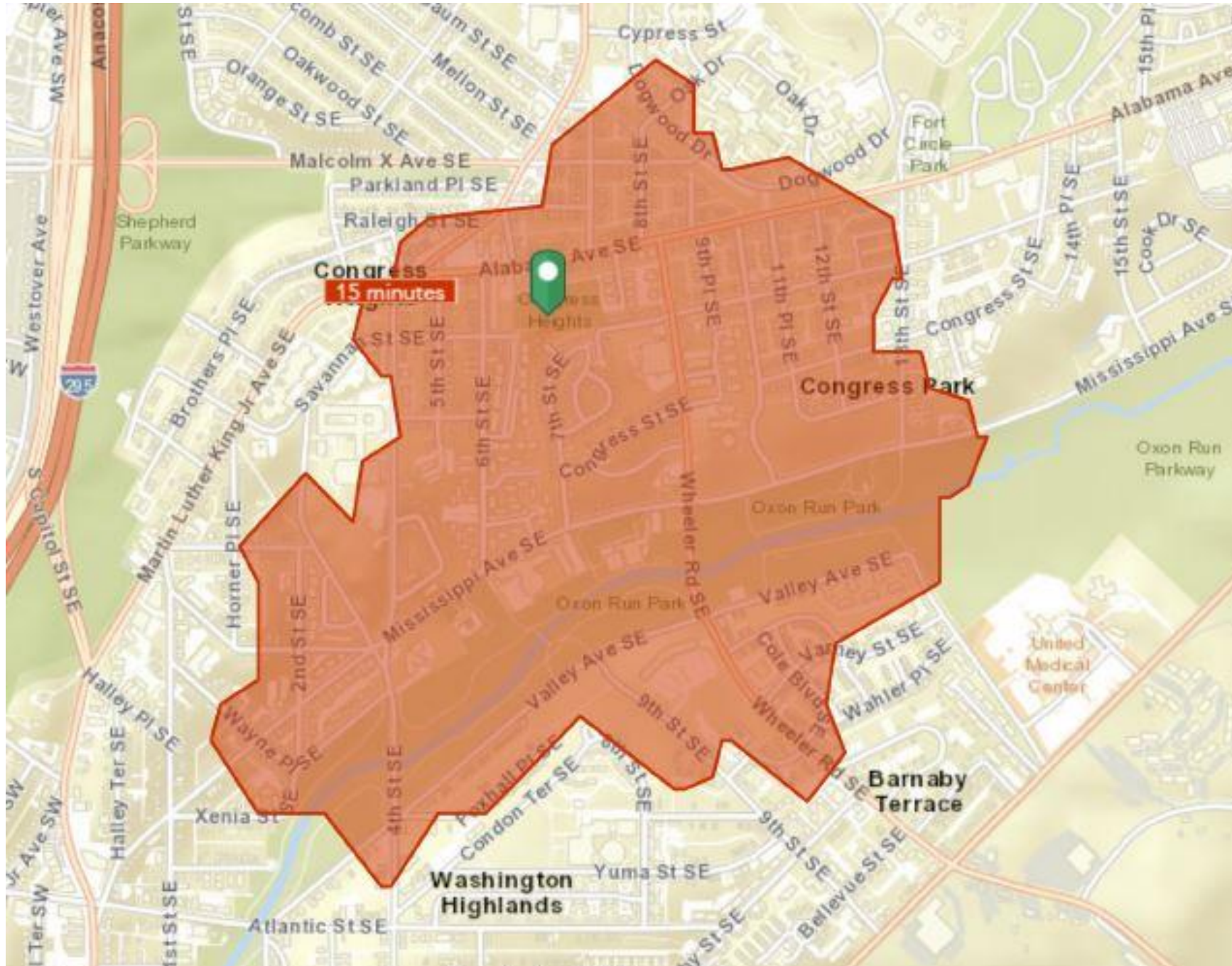
# Projected Timeline

Congress Heights Recreation Center	2019						2020												2021												2022															
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Design Phase																																														
Permitting/Agency Approvals																																														
Contractor Procurement																																														
Construction																																														
Closeout																																														



# Demographic Information

(1 mile walkshed)



6,701 total population

496 population under 4

888 age 65+

2684 total households

60% family households

35% HH w/ at least 1 person < 18

21% HHs w/ at least 1 person > 65

35% HHs w/ person w/ disability

34/66 owner/renter



# Edgewood Recreation Center (Ward 5)

- Opening: Summer 2019
- Budget: \$17,000,000
- Square Feet: 19,000

- Spaces:
  - Full Size Gym
  - Lounge and Lobby
  - Kitchen
  - Classrooms / Multi-purpose
  - Fitness Gym
  - Rooftop Urban Farm
  - Water Feature & Playground
  - Fitness Trail and Field
  - Tennis and Basketball





# Kenilworth Recreation Center (Ward 7)

- Opened: Summer 2017
- Budget: \$18,000,000
- Square Feet: 35,000

- Spaces:
  - Full gymnasium
  - Fitness Room
  - Boxing Room
  - Teen Room
  - Kitchen
  - Computer Lounge
  - Senior Room
  - Pool & Poolhouse





# Project Overview – Site Map



## Congress Heights Recreation Center



# Community Engagement Overview:

- Stakeholder Gatherings
- Defining Goals / Priorities
- Surveys (Online & Paper)
- Design Workshops
- Achieving Majority Consensus





**“Bottom to Top” Exercise** (25 Minutes)

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**“Traffic Light” Exercise** (25 Minutes)

**Championship Round** (5 Minutes)

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**Conversation** (25 Minutes)



“Bottom to Top” Exercise:







As it is today...

What is the single **WORST** thing about Congress Heights Recreation Center and Park?





As it is today...

What is the single BEST thing  
about Congress Heights  
Recreation Center and Park?



# Project Overview – Park Access



## Congress Heights Recreation Center



## “Traffic Light” Exercise: Indoor Spaces



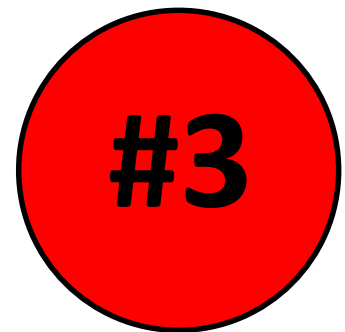
**Top Priority**

*“Must have, Gotta have...”*



**Second Priority**

*“Should have...”*



**Third Priority**

*“Would be nice...”*

### Ground Rules:

- Only one “traffic light” per community member
- Select a different picture for each of your stickers



# Community Kitchen

- 1000-2000 sq ft commercial grade kitchen
- Possible shared usages
  - **Teaching kitchen**
    - Youth and Adult education
    - Ie. *Kenilworth Rec Teaching Kitchen*
  - **Community events**
    - DPR and community events
    - Ie. *Deanwood Rec kitchen*
  - **Kitchen business incubator**
    - Host and train local food businesses
    - Ie. *Takoma Park Silver Spring (TPSS) Community Kitchen*

Kenilworth  
Teaching  
Kitchen



Deanwood Rec



TPSS  
Community  
Kitchen

FOOD BUSINESS DIRECTORY	
TPSS Community Kitchen	
<b>Angeline's Gourmet</b> American-style catering & barbecue sauces Angela Ashley   (470) 535-7894 angelinesgourmet@gmail.com	<b>Jalapeno Mexican Grill</b> Authentic Mexican cuisine from Veracruz region Ciro Fernandez & Araceli Lara   (301) 468-1767 jalapenomexicangrill@gmail.com www.fuegoadsabor.com
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<b>Gypsy Diva Fresh</b> Mason Jar Salads & Catering Beverly Coleman   (708) 296-9695 msbev9@gmail.com   Gypsydivafresh.com	



# Community Grocery Store

- **500 sq ft nonprofit grocery store**

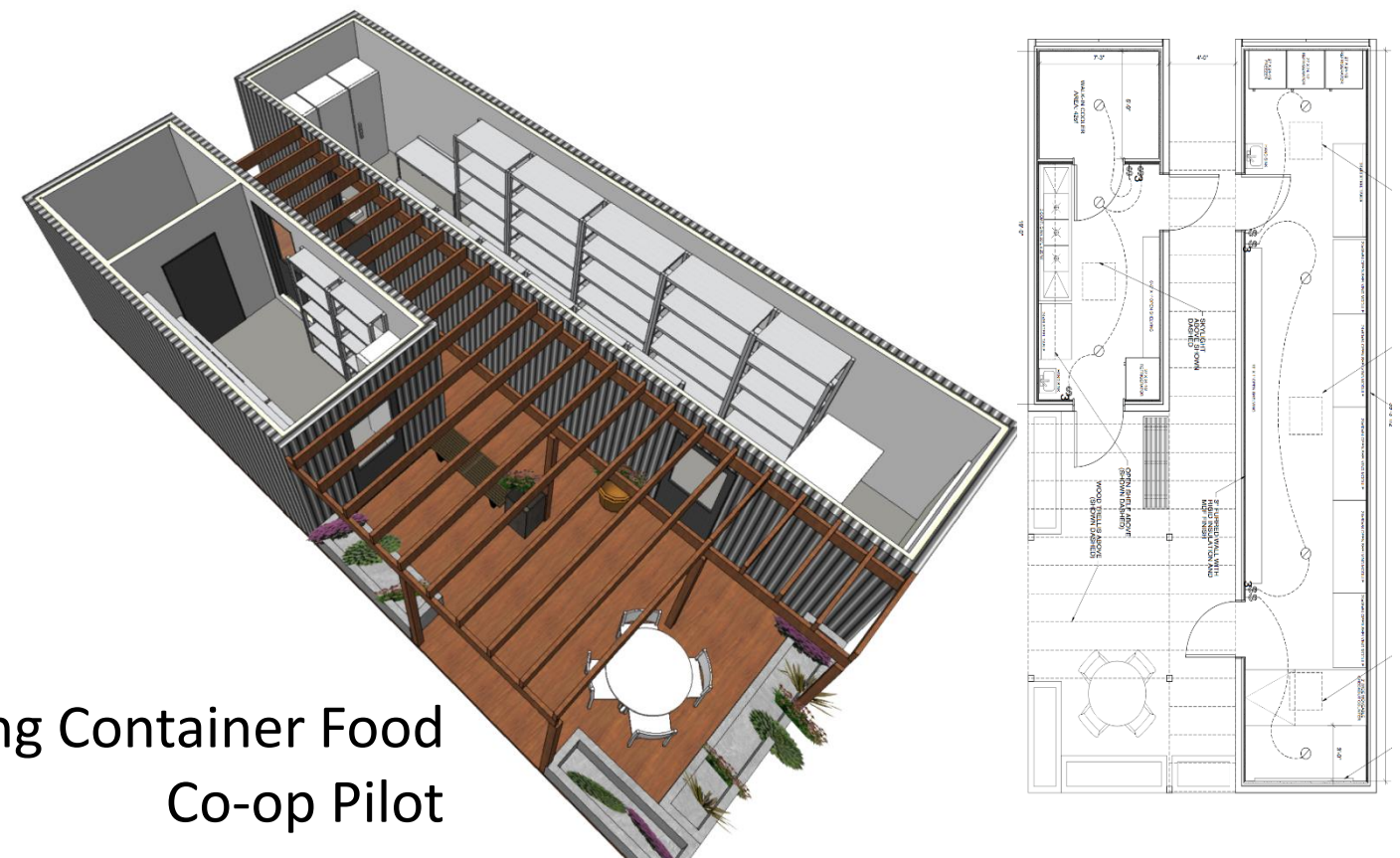
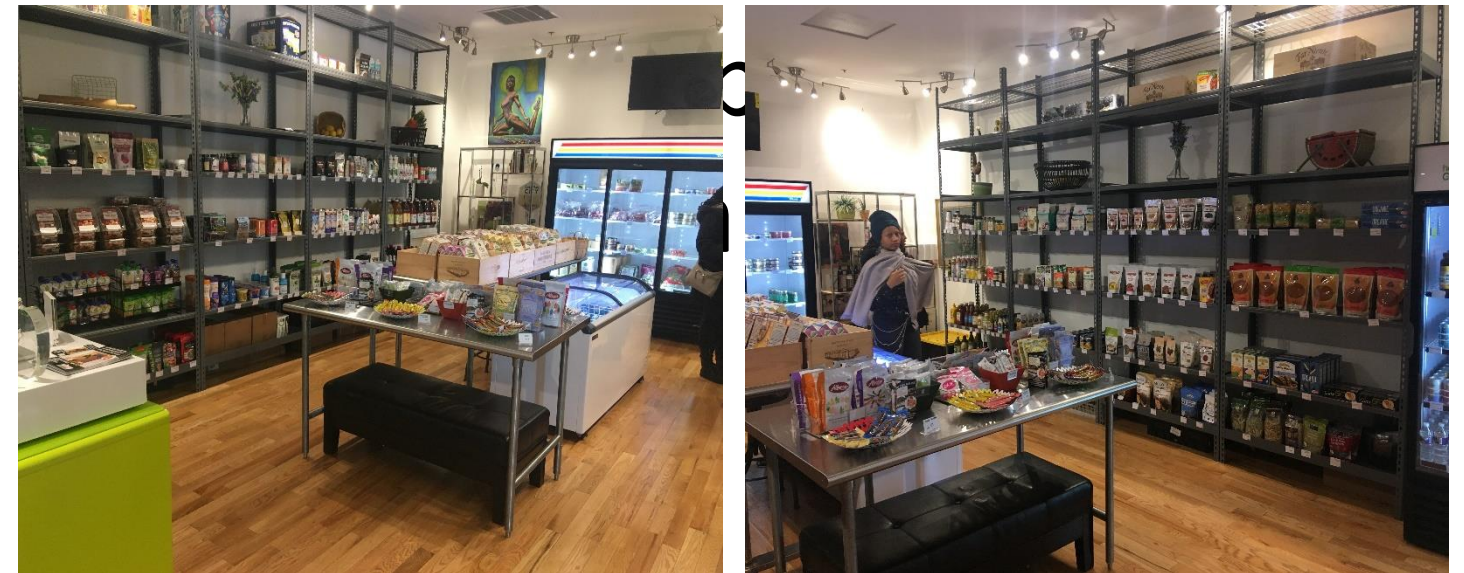
- Managed by local community partners

- **Possible food co-op model**

- Community members receive discount for volunteering
- Due to low admin costs
  - Co-ops offer healthy food at affordable rates
- Food offered is chosen by community members
- Prioritize locally made products
- Ie. Glut Co-op, TPSS Food Co-op

- Work with, not compete with, existing markets

## Fresh Food Factory Retail Market at 1231



DPR Shipping Container Food  
Co-op Pilot



## “Traffic Light” Exercise: Indoor Spaces



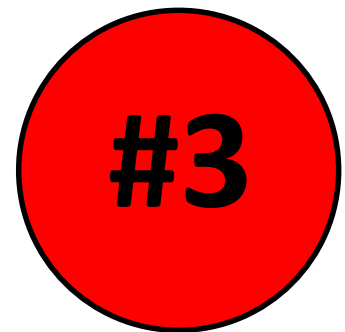
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## “Traffic Light” Exercise: Outdoor Spaces



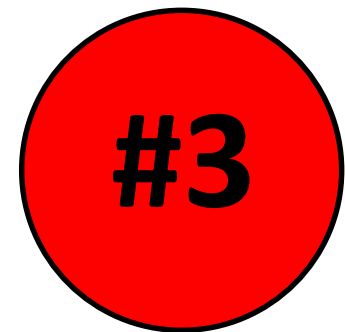
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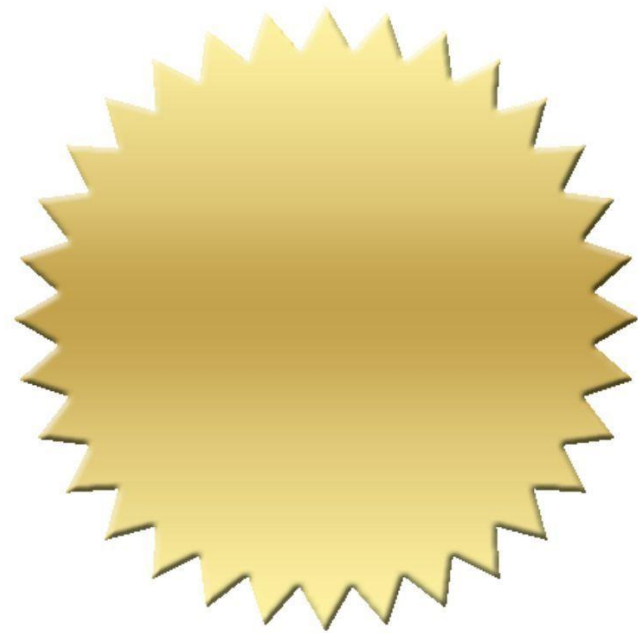
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## Championship Round



**Single space  
(indoor or outdoor)  
that absolutely should be  
considered for this project**

### Ground Rules:

- One gold sticker each
- Select only one picture, indoor or outdoor, for your gold sticker

Conversation





## Next Steps

1. DGS/DPR to continues to gather stakeholder information.
2. Survey Distribution- **We need your help!**
  1. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MR58QWG>
3. DGS/DPR to schedule focus group meetings

## Points of Contact

### **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

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### **Department of General Services (DGS)**

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### **Project Website**

<https://dgs.dc.gov/page/congress-heights-recreation-center-0>



